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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

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RE: Operable Unit #2
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U.S. DOE Fernald
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Dear Mr. Avel:

On August 27, 1990, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) disapproved a proposed Remedial Investigation (RI) work plan addendum for supplemental sampling for Operable Unit (OU) #2 at the United States Department of Energy's (U.S. DOE) Fernald site. On November 16, 1990, U.S. DOE submitted a revised sampling proposal. U.S. EPA has reviewed this revised proposal and has the following comments:

1. U.S. DOE's responses to U.S. EPA comments 12 and 13 discusses sampling of the fly ash piles, but the comments referred to sampling of the landfill. However, the text adequately addressed the comments and no further action seems necessary concerning this oversight.
2. U.S. DOE should document whether sampling of the scrap piles is needed or whether adequate characterization information exists to proceed with the detailed screening of alternatives, the risk assessment, and remedy selection.

U.S. EPA is approving the sampling plan, but U.S. DOE must address the above concern (number 2, above) in either this sampling effort, another sampling effort, or a justification that adequate RI information is available.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (312) 886-4436.

Sincerely yours,

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